

REMARKS

Pending claims 45-96 have been cancelled from the application, and new claims 97-154 have been substituted therefore. No new matter has been added. It is to be noted that claims 45-96 have not been canceled for purposes relating to patentability. Rather, claims 97-154 are being substituted for claims 45-96 for purposes of clarification, and in order to present to the examiner a clean set of claims which reflect all of the presently presented claim features.

It is submitted that many of the presently pending claims in the present application define features which are neither taught nor suggested by either Welter or Applicant's Admitted Prior Art (AAPA).

For example, neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 97 of the present application which is directed to a method for determining a health status of a selected server of a server farm, comprising: implementing a first thread of said method for determining the health status of a first server of the server farm; identifying the first server of the server farm for analysis; receiving data from the first server, said data including content information; performing format verification on a first portion of said content information by verifying correct formatting of the first portion of content information using predetermined format verification rules; and determining the health status of the first server based upon results of said format verification.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 98 of the present application which further defines the features of: implementing, concurrently with the implementation of the first thread, a second thread of said method for determining the health status of a second server of the server farm; identifying the second server of the server farm for analysis; receiving data from the second server, said data including a second portion of content information; performing format verification on said second portion of content information by verifying proper formatting of the second portion of content information using a second set of predetermined format verification rules; and determining the health status of the second server based upon results of said second format verification.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 99 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying timestamp information in the first portion of content;

and verifying correct formatting of the timestamp information using a first regular expression corresponding to: ([1-9]|1[0-2]):[0-5][0-9].

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 100 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying timestamp information in the first portion of content, wherein the timestamp information includes an hours portion of a time value and a minutes portion of the time value; determining whether the hours portion of the time value is an integer within a range from 1 to 12, inclusive; determining whether the minutes portion of the time value is an integer within a range from 0 to 59, inclusive; and determining whether the timestamp information includes a colon character interposed between the hours portion and minutes portion of the time value.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 101 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying timestamp information in the first portion of content; and verifying correct formatting of the timestamp information using a first regular expression corresponding to: (A|P)M.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 102 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying timestamp information in the first portion of content; and determining whether the timestamp information includes a time data string followed by the characters "AM" or "PM".

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 103 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying a ticker symbol in the first portion of content; and verifying correct formatting of the ticker symbol using a first regular expression corresponding to: ([A-Z]{1,4}|[A-Z]{4}X).

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 104 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying a ticker symbol in the first portion of content; and determining whether a length of the ticker symbol is between 1-4 characters, inclusive.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 106 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying currency information in the first portion of content, wherein the currency information includes a monetary value; and verifying correct formatting of

the monetary value using a first regular expression corresponding to: $(\$([0-9][0-9] *).[0-9]{2})$.

Additionally, it is submitted that neither Welter nor AAPA teach or suggest the combination of features as recited, for example, in claim 107 of the present application which further defines the features of: identifying currency information in the first portion of content, wherein the currency information includes a monetary value; and determining whether the monetary value includes a dollar sign followed by a numerical value greater than or equal to zero, followed by a decimal point, followed by two numeric digits.

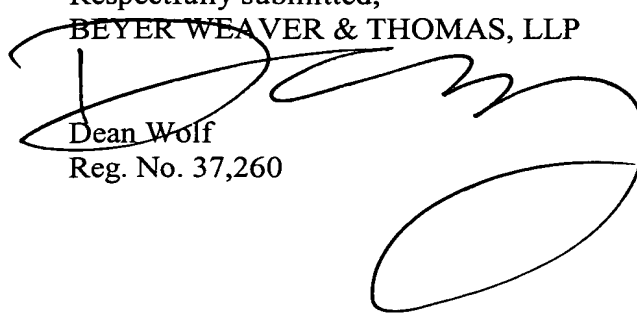
The remaining pending claims in the present application define features similar to those defined, for example, in claims 97-114, and are therefore believed to be allowable for at least those reasons stated above. It is noted that the additional limitations recited in the other independent and/or dependent claims are not further discussed as the above-discussed limitations are clearly sufficient to distinguish the claimed invention from Welter and AAPA.

During a telephonic communication between the undersigned attorney and the examiner on June 28, 2006, it was agreed that the Welter does not explicitly teach the feature of using or creating at least one regular expression for performing format verification on a first portion of said content information by verifying correct formatting of the first portion of content information using predetermined format verification rules. Accordingly, claims 153 and 154 of the present application are also believed to be allowable in view of Welter and AAPA.

Because claims 97-154 are believed to be allowable in their present form, many of the examiner's rejections in the Office Action have not been addressed in this response. However, applicant respectfully reserves the right to respond to one or more of the examiner's rejections in subsequent amendments should conditions arise warranting such responses.

Applicant believes that all pending claims are allowable and respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance for this application from the Examiner. Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the undersigned can be reached at the telephone number set out below.

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